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## EXPLOITS OF EARLY DAYS RECALLED BY VETERANS

Torrance Fire Department  
Fetes Ninety Guests At  
Annual Dinner

Cross For Each Five Years  
Of Service Awarded To Six  
Members Of Troop

Early Torrance days, when the fire department consisted of a two wheel rig pulled by a map power, were recalled at the annual banquet of the Torrance fire department Saturday evening in the private dining room of Earl's Cafe, by the three remaining members of the original company, Chief Ben Hannebrink, Assistant Harry McManus and Captain A. H. Bartlett.

Three crosses, each one denoting five years of service, were awarded recently and worn for the first time at the dinner. Three crosses each adorned the sleeves of the uniforms worn by Mr. Hannebrink, Mr. Bartlett and Mr. McManus, two crosses on the uniform of Assistant Chief J. H. Fess and one cross each for Dewey Pix and A. D. Stevenson.

The dinner was very effective, with all the firemen in uniform and the policemen in their blue and white, which they wore for the first time at that evening. More than ninety were seated at the tables, which were beautifully decorated with baskets of red flowers and greenery. A red carnation was placed at each plate.

A. H. Bartlett, acting as toastmaster, called on Mayor John Dennis for a short talk at the conclusion of the dinner. Mayor Dennis congratulated the department, and Chief Hannebrink for his excellent work during the past year.

Inspector Rice of the Bureau of Public Relations, Safety First Commission of Los Angeles, complimented the department in a short talk. When Toastmaster Bartlett called on Mr. Harry McManus for a talk, he sang instead, singing one of the old well known songs.

Other talks were made by Councilman G. A. R. Steiner, former councilman Joe Stone and Mr. Everett Malone of Azusa, former member of the Torrance fire department. Entertainment for the evening was furnished by a string trio composed of Helen and Rosalie Kraft and Zona Neal of Torrance, niece of Chief Hannebrink, and tap dancing numbers were given by Mrs. Audrey Morton of Torrance, member of the team of Morton and McCald of vaudeville fame. She was accompanied at the piano by Mr. Thomas Ulrich.

Torrance is reported to have more up-to-date equipment and better drilled men than any other municipality of its size in Southern California. This fact was brought out at the dinner and was received with unanimous approval. Announcement was made of the 17th annual Firemen's Ball, which is to be held Saturday evening, November 15, at Recreation Hall.

**Brian K. Welch**  
Elected V.-Pres.  
Los Angeles Firm

Los Angeles newspapermen carried an announcement this week of the election of Brian K. Welch to the office of vice president of Jones, Hubbard & Donnell, Inc., brokers of 412 W. 6th Street, Los Angeles.

**BILL BARBER SAYS**  
Reckless driving is not all wreck-less.

## High School Students to Edit Next Issue Herald

The next edition of the Torrance Herald will be written by students of Torrance High School. At a meeting of the Honor Society of the school last week it was decided that the organization would sponsor this edition of the paper. Mr. Dave Preston, advertising manager of the Herald, gave a short talk to the students in which he put forth the different departments in the paper which have to be written. He also suggested several ideas that can be worked up by the different editors. A column of helpful hints to the housewife was recommended. The girls assigned to this column will visit the different stores about town and find new articles, their uses, prices and superiority over other products used for the same purpose.

**Automotive**  
An article on "That Car of Yours," promises to be interesting to the automobile owners. The column will be handled by Hartley Carr.

**Society**  
An Halloween comes on, the same day as this paper, the society editor has a job on her hands. All parties, trips, or other social events will be in charge of Margaret Richhart. It is understood, of course, that she, or any of the editors will not do all the writing. It's their business to see that other people do the writing. In this way, the entire student body has a hand in editing the paper.

**Sports**  
Paul Wehch, several times sport

## EXECUTIVES OF WATER CO. IN TORRANCE

Three executives of the Torrance Water Light and Power Company were in Torrance yesterday investigating the present water situation. They were: J. E. Albert, vice president and general manager of the Standard Public Service Company and subsidiary companies of which the Torrance company is one; A. J. Robert, general manager of the Pacific Water Company; and E. J. Robinson, general superintendent of the Pacific Water Company. Mr. Albert stated that he made a trip out from Columbus, Ohio, the home office of the parent company, and Mr. Robert and Mr. Robinson came to Torrance from San Mateo, Calif.

## Veteran Employee Supply Co. Dies Enroute to Work

Arthur Shipman, 45 years old, died suddenly yesterday morning on his way from his home in Inglewood to work at the Union Tool in Torrance. Mr. Shipman was riding in a car with several other men and suddenly slumped in the seat. He was rushed to the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital but was dead. Cause of death was attributed to heart trouble.

Mr. Shipman was employed as a foreman at the Union Tool and has been employed by that firm for ten years. He is survived by a wife and an eight year old daughter.

## Torrance Woman Second in State to Qualify

Mrs. Alice O. Thomas, 1928 Annapolis avenue, has received a certificate issued Sept. 4, from the University of Southern California and the California Real Estate Commission, showing that she has completed the two weeks' course in real estate and is entitled to receive her license as saleswoman. On Aug. 15, the state of California Real Estate Department, Stephen Harmon, commissioner, issued to Mrs. Thomas its notice that she had passed the state examination and was qualified to receive her license. This notice is numbered No. 2-A, showing that Mrs. Thomas is the second person in the state to become qualified.

## H. J. LUDWIG KILLED IN FALL AT COLUMBIA

Negligence of Deceased and  
Crane Operator Blamed  
for Accident

Falling 25 feet from the overhead crane tracks to the floor at the Columbia Steel Corporation, Herman J. Ludwig, mechanic, met death instantly Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Ludwig had climbed to the crane to oil the mechanical brake when Paul Dorsen, started the crane, hurling Mr. Ludwig through the air and to the ground 25 feet below. It is asserted that Sunday morning Mr. Ludwig and Mr. Dorsen, an electrician, who was working on the crane, had a conversation about what time Mr. Dorsen would be through his work there, to which Dorsen replied that it would be late in the afternoon.

It is then asserted that about 2:30, Mr. Ludwig asked John Quigley to "spot" the hoist, which turned the drum around to be oiled. Mr. Quigley did so and then he and Mr. Dorsen left to work in another part of the plant. On their return Mr. Dorsen went to the operator's box on the crane to move it, and the accident resulted.

At the coroner's inquest, held at the Stone and Myers chapel Tuesday morning, the jury returned a verdict of negligence on the part of both Mr. Ludwig and Mr. Dorsen. Their verdict blamed Mr. Ludwig for negligence in not hanging a sign on the electric switch in the crane to show that he was working on it, according to the rules of the Columbia Steel, and Paul Dorsen for being negligent in not giving notice when he started the crane.

Mr. Ludwig was born in London, England, and was 43 years and 9 months old. He brought his family here 18 months ago, and has been employed as a mechanic at the Columbia Steel Corporation since May 26, 1928.

Funeral services are to be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Stone and Myers funeral chapel, with the Reverend G. G. Schmid in charge. Interment will be at Forest Lawn, Knights of Pythias, of which Mr. Ludwig was a member, will be the pall bearers. This is the second sad happening in the Ludwig home in the past month. Three weeks ago Miss Louise Ludwig sustained serious injuries in an automobile accident and is now in a Long Beach hospital with her pelvic bone broken in three places.

Surviving the deceased are his wife, Mrs. Susie Ludwig, and three children, all of 1808 Andrea avenue.

## Dr. Shidler Gets Letter Off Boat Approaching N.Y.

From a steamer 300 miles out at sea from New York to Torrance in three days is speedy mail service, according to Al Gourrier, postmaster at Torrance, but that is exactly what happened last week. Dr. Geo. P. Shidler received a letter mailed from a friend on the magnificent S. S. Ile de France, as she was steaming toward New York over the bounding Atlantic on October 14, and the letter was received in Torrance at 5:30 A. M. on October 17. An aeroplane carrying the letter was catapulted from the steamer when she was 300 miles out at sea, transferred to another plane at New York and rushed by air mail to Los Angeles and thence to Torrance.

## Public Invited to D. & M. Opening This Saturday

The D. & M. Machine Works are inviting the public to attend the formal opening of their new Torrance plant Saturday at 2:30 p. m. A public inspection of the plant in operation will be held all day Saturday and a special musical program of talented artists is being arranged for the celebration in the evening. Complete details of the new plant and the Saturday opening are given in a two-page announcement in this issue.

## THE HOUR HAS COME FOR BETTER AND CHEAPER WATER

Come and Hear City Engineer Leonard's Complete  
Report at the Special Meeting of the City  
Council Next Tuesday, October 29  
By GROVER C. WHYTE

Next Tuesday, October 29th is destined to become a red letter day in the history of Torrance, for on this day the long suffering water consumers are to hear City Engineer Leonard report on the proposed new municipally owned water system.

The City Council has called a special meeting at 7:45 p. m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall, next Tuesday when the City Engineer will make his report. The public will be welcome at this meeting, according to Mayor John Dennis, as they are at all other public meetings of the City Council. A capacity crowd is expected at the City Hall, and citizens are urged to be on hand at the appointed hour as the meeting will be given over entirely to the water situation.

Mayor Dennis states that the City Engineer's report will be complete, embracing all angles of the proposed municipally owned distributing system as well as opinions from prominent hydraulic engineers as to the water resources in and around Torrance. It will be a meeting that every resident of Torrance will wish to attend.

It is not expected that the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company representatives will have anything to say at this meeting as it is a special meeting called to hear Engineer Leonard's report; and the Council has informed the present water company officials, in response to their request, that they might present their views at a "regular" meeting of the Council, and the next regular meeting will not be held until November 5th.

The Torrance Herald sincerely hopes that the Council Chambers will be packed to overflowing as a further indication (if any be needed) that the people of Torrance are disgusted with the present situation and will support the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Torrance Herald, in their fight for better and cheaper water for Torrance. Let the people who have been paying three prices for stinky water come out and raise their voices for this much needed civic improvement. Here is your opportunity to let your city representatives know that you will support them in this good work. Don't forget, TUESDAY, at 7:45 P. M. BE THERE!

## United States Steel Directors Meet Today to Decide Purchase

New York, Oct. 24. (Special)—Directors of the United States Steel Corporation are in session here today to discuss final action on the purchase of the Columbia Steel properties on the Pacific Coast.

L. R. Raines, vice president and general manager of the Columbia Steel Corporation, is now in New York where he has been in conference with United States Steel officials. The regular quarterly reports of the financial operations of the Columbia have been deferred until after October 29, the day on which the option, given to the United States Steel Corporation expires. Financial leaders interpret this delay as significant of an early announcement by the United States Steel Corporation that the purchase has been consummated.

The Torrance Herald has made arrangements with New York news gathering organizations to telegraph news of any action that may be taken at this afternoon's meeting, and this information will be posted on the bulletin board in front of the Herald building, 1336 El Prado, as soon as it is received.

## Peebles Will Reveal Love That Death Will Not Part

When the "estate of Peebles" was called for probate last Saturday in Los Angeles, there was revealed a story of an unusual love "death pact."

Harry D. Peebles was a Torrance glass blower. He retired fifteen years ago after making his stake of \$50,000. He married Matilda Peebles. They soon became known to their neighbors as a most devoted couple.

"They would tell their neighbors, 'We have never been separated since we have been married and we never will be. When one dies, the other will go too.' No matter what the ordeal or trip might be, they both went along together. Peebles was stricken last August 31. He made his will and left everything to his wife. His wife then drew a will leaving everything to her three sisters, because she said she knew that as soon as her husband died, she soon would follow.

## Nigger Slough Formed Indian Burial Ground

That part of the Nigger Slough was probably the burial ground for the Indians more than 300 years ago, was the theory advanced by Arthur Woodward, curator of History at the Museum, Exposition Park, following the finding of ten skeletons of primitive natives by workmen on the Vermont avenue fill. The skeletons were uncovered by the steel jaws of the E. W. Kuhn steam shovel in excavating the hill on 168th street near Vermont avenue. Constable Clare Lane turned the skeletons over to the Los Angeles office who called Mr. Woodward to see them. The skulls are in excellent condition. Examinations disclosed the fine condition of the teeth, also. Pieces of flint from the arrows were uncovered with the skeletons. According to Mr. Woodward Indian burial grounds are found throughout portions of Los Angeles county.

## BUSINESS LOT BRINGS \$750 FOOT FRONT

Northwest Corner of Sartori  
and El Prado Sold to Los  
Angeles Man for \$87,500

A new high price for business property was established in Torrance this week, when the northwest corner of Sartori avenue and El Prado sold for \$750 a foot.

The property has 90 feet on Sartori avenue and 140 feet on El Prado and was sold for \$87,500. The corner was owned by Edward H. Buente of 1712 N. Alexandria street, Los Angeles, and was bought by Monroe Moss, also of Los Angeles. The deal was made by J. C. Smith of the Torrance Investment Company, representing the seller and Barton & Company, realtors at 16th and Western avenue, Los Angeles, representing the buyer.

Mr. Smith stated that plans are being drawn for the erection of a two story store and office building on the corner. With the construction of this corner building, half of this block will have been built in a little over a year's time. The Huddleston Furniture Company building was the first of the group and the J. C. Penney company building was just recently completed.

## High School Club Elects Officers

The Torrance Varsity club elected officers for the fall semester at a meeting held Tuesday. They are Joe Tavan, president; Al Minan, vice president; Henry Putnam, secretary; Harold Stevenson, treasurer; Paul Wehch, sergeant-at-arms; Coach Sig Nylander, faculty adviser. Committees were appointed to draw up resolutions for the guidance of underclassmen. A social and gym committee were also chosen. Plans for a dance are being made and other club activities will follow.

## Radio Lecturer Will Speak at Brotherhood Dinner

George W. Bunton, well known radio speaker and lecturer will be the speaker of the evening at the next M. E. Brotherhood dinner on Monday, Nov. 4. Tickets are out and may be reserved by calling 78-J or 34-M. A capacity crowd attended the last dinner and people are urged to obtain their reservations early for the coming affair.

## 2 LOCAL BOYS KILLED WHEN MOTORCYCLE HITS CAR

Donald Darling Meets Instant  
Death in Crash on San  
Fernando Road

Kenneth Taylor Acord, His  
Companion, Dies from In-  
juries Three Hours Later

Donald Darling, 15 year old high school boy was killed instantly, and his chum, Kenneth Taylor Acord, 17, died three hours later as the result of a crash on the San Fernando road about 3:40 Monday afternoon.

The boys were riding on a motorcycle, going north on the Newhall grade. It is asserted that they had reached the bad curve, where the road swerves sharply and crosses a narrow bridge when they collided head on with a Chevrolet car driven by J. E. Morley, a road worker, who was returning from work.

Donald, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Darling of 918 Annapolis avenue, was killed instantly and Taylor was placed on a truck and rushed to the San Fernando Health Center, where he lived for three hours but never regained consciousness. Taylor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Acord of 1822 Date street, Torrance.

At the coroner's inquest, held at San Fernando yesterday morning, a verdict of unavoidable accident was given. The bodies were brought to Torrance yesterday following the inquest, by Stone & Myers funeral car.

Both boys were students at Torrance high school where they were associated with their fellow students. Donald was a freshman and Taylor a sophomore. They were interested in athletics and both were members of the lightweight football squad.

Together always in life, inseparable chums, they were riding side by side at Roosevelt Memorial Park today.

Funeral services were held at Stone & Myers chapel at 10 o'clock this morning with the Rev. G. G. Elder in charge of the services.

Fallbearers, chosen from among the high school associates of the two boys, were as follows: John Mock, Robert McManis, Dan Barnard, LeRoy Thompson, Earl Donner, Richard Watson, Clarence Carpenter, Forrest Pingle, Leo Swenson, Wilson Page, Bert Merrill, Willie Asapito, Marion Mintun, Elmer Pullman, Robert Hamman, George Lancaster.

Surviving Donald are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Darling, a brother, Richard Darling, and two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Price and Marguerite Darling. Taylor Acord is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Acord and a brother John, 12 years old.

An affidavit in the nature of a death certificate was filed with the coroner's office.

Donald Darling

"Dear little friend, your untimely passing grieves many and brings sadness to many hearts. To know you well was to love you much. Your light-hearted laughter and your ready wit won you friends and cheered those around you. Your kindness to things weak and small your loyalty to friends endeared you to us. Small children called to you and followed you because they loved you. Dumb animals came to you sure of a crumb and a kind word. Had you been born a century or so ago, your bravery and fearlessness would have had their place in the making of history. However, in this modern world, your search for adventure took you on the roaring highways where you passed from us, leaving sorrow and memories.

—A Pal's Mother.

## DINNER GUESTS

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Price of Covello avenue Wednesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Forde of Torrance and Miss Chapman of Los Angeles.

# TORRANCE BARGAINS SATURDAY, OCT. 26